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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF B-52'S FROM THAILAND

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING IN THE WIRELESS FILE THE TEXT OF AN ITEM BY CORRDRY, BALTIMORE SUN MILITARY CORRESPONDENT, IN MAY 16 EDITIONS ON WITHDRAWAL OF B-52'S FROM THAILAND. THE ITEM CONTAINS THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE FOR B-52 WITHDRAWALS DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1974, NOT JUST THE FIRST TRANCHE OF NINE AS ANNOUNCED IN BOTH BANGKOK AND WASHINGTON SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

2. IF QUESTIONED HERE ABOUT SCHEDULED WITHDRAWALS OF B-52'S WE PLAN TO SAY, QUOTE, FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AFFECTING AIR-CRAFT REMAINING IN THAILAND AFTER COMPLETION OF WITHDRAWALS ALREADY ANNOUNCED WILL BE MADE AS DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U. S. AND ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE. IF ASKED ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF THE SUN STORY WE PLAN TO MAKE NO COMMENT. RUSH

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